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**Advisory Action
Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief**

Application No.

10/074,770

Applicant(s)

VAN DE MEULENHOF, DENNIS

Examiner

Ashok B. Patel

Art Unit

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--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 07 October 2005 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
 (a) They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
 (c) They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).

5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.

6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) will not be entered, or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-7.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).

9. The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).

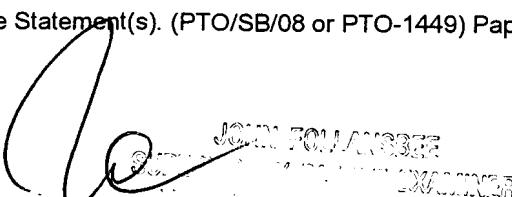
10. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet:

12. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____

13. Other: _____.



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EXAMINER

Continuation Sheet:

Applicant's argument:

Kato fails to teach, or suggest, a method that *inter alia* "whilst in association with said Reconfiguration storing an overall network topology in a subset made up of any one or more physical nodes of the network." (emphasis added)."

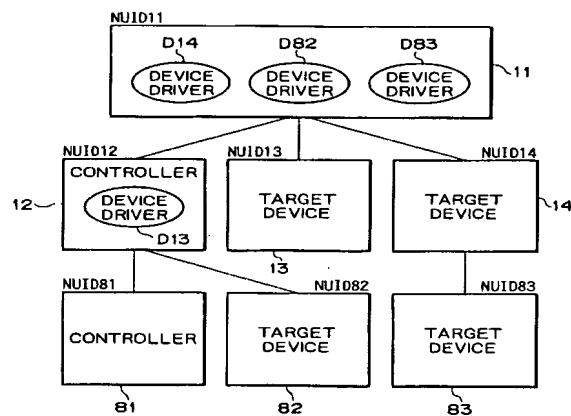
Examiner's response:

Kato teaches in col. 4, line 22-26, " When any new device is connected to the 1394 bus 31, there occurs a bus reset, and then a bus master (e.g., controller 11) in the 1394 bus executes a process of node ID assignment to each device and also a process of device driver assignment."

F I G . 4

TARGET DEVICE	NUID13	NUID14
CONTROLLER HOLDING VIRTUAL DEVICE	NUID12	NUID11

F I G . 5



Kato teaches in col. 4, line 14-21, "Suppose now that, in the state mentioned above, the connection in the bus system is so changed as shown in FIG. 5 for example. In this case, a controller 81 and a target device 82 are connected to a controller 12 via a 1394 bus 31, and a target device 83 is connected to a target device 14. The controller 81, the target device 82 and the target device 83 have, respectively, NUID81, NUID82 and NUID83 each serving as a node unique ID thereof."

Thus, Kato clearly discloses in conjunction with Figs. 1-5 that "whilst in association with said reconfiguration storing an overall network topology in a subset made up of any one or more physical nodes of the network."

Applicant's argument:

Second, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection also in that part of the Examiner's reasoning and support for the rejection is not supported by the language of the statute of 35 U.S.C. 102. Specifically, in the "conclusion" portion of the Office Action, the Examiner's statement regarding *inter alia* context, prior art, and Examiner's disclosure is not in alignment with the statutory language for a proper rejection under U.S.C. 102."

Examiner's response:

Prior art is qualified according to the Statutory language. As such, although Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant and although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well,

Examiner had respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner.